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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the letter mailed on September 10, 2001, stating that the clean copy of the amended claims does not correspond to the marked-up version, Applicants submit the following corrected clean and marked-up versions of amended claims 41-43.

In the Claims:

Please **amend** claims 41-43 as follows and **cancel** claims 44 and 45 without prejudice.

C 41. (Amended) A method of restoring NFκB activity in a mammal afflicted with an autoimmune disease resulting from a reduction in NFκB activity, comprising administering to a mammal suspected of suffering from said autoimmune disease a therapeutically effective amount of an agent which restores NFκB activity so as to treat said disease in said mammal.

42. (Amended) The method according to claim 41, wherein said agent is a protein.

43. (Amended) The method according to claim 42, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of: NFκB, NFκB p50, NFκB p52, NFκB p65 and IκB.

Applicants believe that no fee is required with this response. However, should any additional fees be required to ensure consideration of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 17633/1120.

Respectfully submitted,

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